

UCHS NEWSLETTER

UNITY COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL



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BETWEEN THE BELLS!

The school is abuzz with the upcoming holiday season here at UCHS. December is filled with many activities organized by our Student Leadership Council beginning this week! This year we are thrilled to announce the 12 Days of Christmas featuring student activities and dress-up days beginning on Thursday, December 4th, with door decorating. These events all lead up to our annual Christmas Kindness Lunch on December 18th, where our staff will be preparing lunch for the entire student body. This event couldn't be possible without the support of our School Community Council and donations toward the event. We are thankful for the SCC and their contributions to allow us to do these wonderful events here at UCHS!

A huge thank you also goes out to the parents and guardians who were able to stop in during our SLCs this past month. It is great to put names to faces and be able to create future plans for student success here at UCHS. For those who were unable to attend, there is never a bad time to reach out to teachers and touch base with any concerns or questions.

January will quickly be here, and with that comes final exams and assessments before semester two begins. Please continue to alert the office to any absences happening, along with checking into Edsby to see upcoming due dates, marks, and progress leading up to semester turnover.

Our entire staff would like to wish you all a joyful and restful holiday season. May this time be filled with warmth, gratitude, and connection. As always, thank you for your continued support this year, and we look forward to kicking off a new year in 2026 along with you!

Happy Holidays!

Mr. G



WE ARE WARRIORS!

WARRIOR OF THE MONTH

Casey Lewin

Casey's peers were quick to nominate her as Warrior of the Month, stating she encompasses what it means to be a UCHS warrior. They stated that Casey is always willing to help out, in class and out. She is a reliable volunteer whenever there is a need. Her volleyball team says that she is always smiling, positive, and encouraging. They point out that Casey is a strong student and committed to her athletics, yet also works part-time. Casey works hard at all she does, inspiring those around her to do their best as well.



ORDINARY JOE

Nathan Schumack

Mrs. Orobko—Nathan is a hard-working student. He is kind to his peers and leads by his positive example in the classroom.

Mrs. Hrynuik—Nathan is responsible while cooking in the kitchens, always asking questions if he is unsure and being the very example of safety that others follow.

Ms. Gartner—Nathan is a remarkable example of a strong, engaged, and committed student. He is always engaging in class work, works well with peers, and works extremely hard to complete and understand coursework. He is also a very kind individual, and is always a positive group member.

Ms. Kostyna—Nathan is quiet and reserved in class, but his creativity always shines through in unique and thoughtful ways. His calm, steady presence brings a sense of balance to the room and helps create a focused, positive environment for everyone around him.

Ms. Svenkeson—Nathan shows up with a good attitude, treats others with respect, and consistently puts in solid effort.

Mrs. Wood—Nathan is a consistent, reliable student, always finishing his work on time and adhering to deadlines.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST WINNERS



Back Row:

Jenay Bishop ~ Poster Color
Chester Miller ~ Literary Essay
Aliya Keller ~ Literary Poem & Poster Black & White
Mya Kostiuk ~ Poster Color
Chloe Moscrip ~ Poster Black & White
Emma Senger ~ Poster Color
Annie Pitura - Literary Poem

Front Row:

Parker Lacoursiere ~ Poster Color
Heleina Tisado ~ Literary Essay
Madison Schumack ~ Poster Black & White
Aurora Bowey & Brinley Headrick ~ Literary Poem

Right:

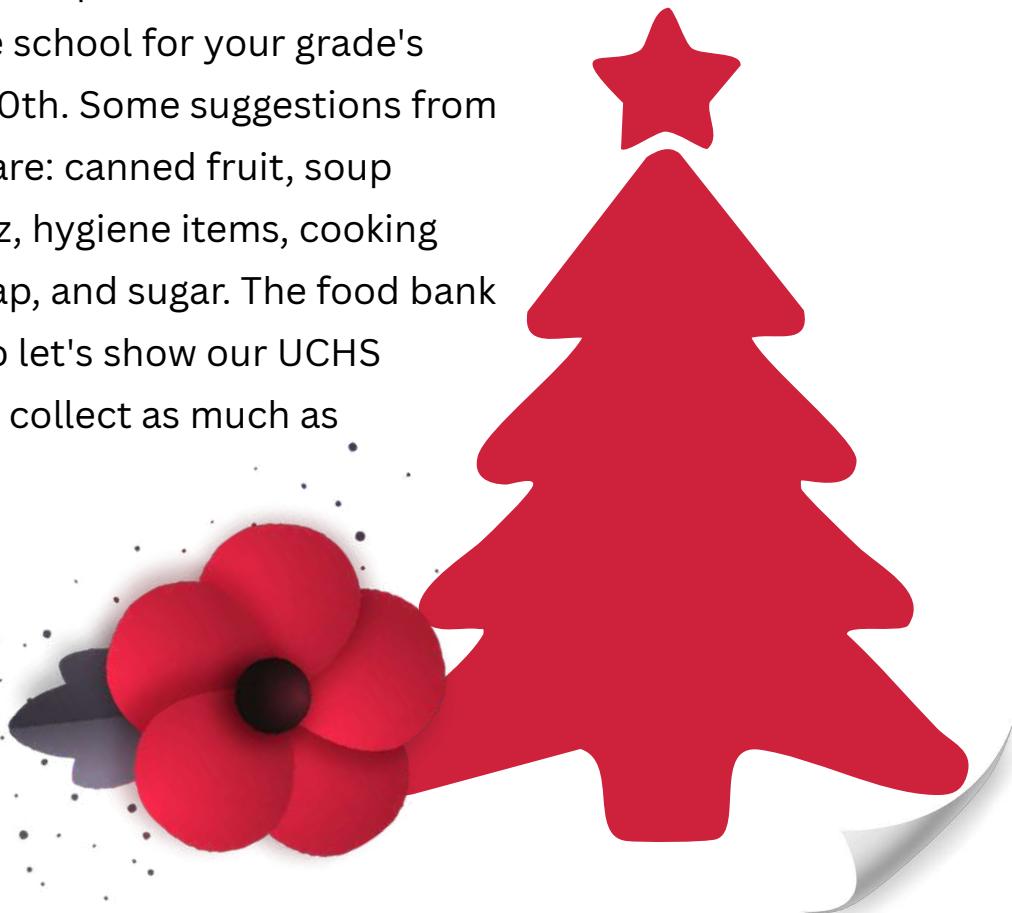
Macyn Weber ~ Poster Black & White



THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The Twelve Days of Christmas kicks off on December 4th. The Student Council is busy making the last twelve days of classes fun and exciting, starting with a door decorating competition on December 4th. Listen to the announcements, check out the posters in the halls and the calendar in this newsletter, and watch the school Facebook page to keep up to date on the dress up days and activities planned throughout the month. The winning grade, based on points earned throughout the month, will be the FIRST grade to eat at the Kindness Lunch on the 18th. (Unless of course the staff wins, in which case we will happily take the prize of first to eat!)

In order to support for our local food bank, we will collect goods for making food bank sculptures on December 10th. Items can be brought to the school for your grade's collection up to the 10th. Some suggestions from the Unity Food Bank are: canned fruit, soup crackers, Cheese Whiz, hygiene items, cooking oil, dish & laundry soap, and sugar. The food bank needs our support, so let's show our UCHS community spirit and collect as much as possible!



SENIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Provincial Bronze Medalist!



The Senior Girls travelled to Maple Creek to compete at the SHSAA 3A Girls Provincial Championships and returned home with a bronze medal after defeating Kipling in 2 straight sets.

Back: Addy Rewerts, Molly Orobko, Kali Scherr, Kira Purcell, Tylan Blanchette, Alivia Close, Skylar Hansen, Maycie Gumpinger, Gracen Rewerts, Vicki Orobko

Front: Emma Ralston, Morgan Lewis, Casey Lewin, Meryn Greenwald, Brynn Delhommeau

Congratulations!



SENIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL



Back: Dominic Sieben, Sebastian Neigum, Kai Riou, Dawson Gilbert, Dylan Kelly, Lynden Reiniger, Alex Melnyk, Owen Bosch, Mr. Parker (C)

Front: Jordan Brooks, River Thompson, Ron Cordita, Christian Neigum, Hunter Ireland

November 8 was the start of the SHSAA Playoffs for the team. It was an early morning start on a road trip to Ministikwan for a 5 team playoff. The team was focused on advancing with a victory over Spiritwood and the day started exactly as planned. They ended the day with a 2-2 record and placing third at Conferences. A bonus was the team earned the opportunity to host Regional playoffs the next weekend.

November 15, UCHS hosted 5 visiting teams for SHSAA Regionals. The team knew it would be a challenge and faced Ministikwan in their first match. While they were ahead at times, the diverse offense of the Ministikwan team was too much to handle. The second match was against Rosthern Jr College. Again with a good game plan, the Warriors were ahead in the second set but the powerful offense of RJC was too much and they missed the playoffs.

It was a great season of growth for this young team. Thank you to the leadership of senior players Dylan Kelly, Dawson Gilbert, Dominic Sieben and Sebastian Neigum. I hope that you have some great memories of road trips, overnight tournaments and exciting plays on the court. It has been a pleasure coaching you. Thank you to the caregivers for supporting your player over the season and being there in the stands. Only 9 months until it starts over again.

Mr. Ken Parker

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL



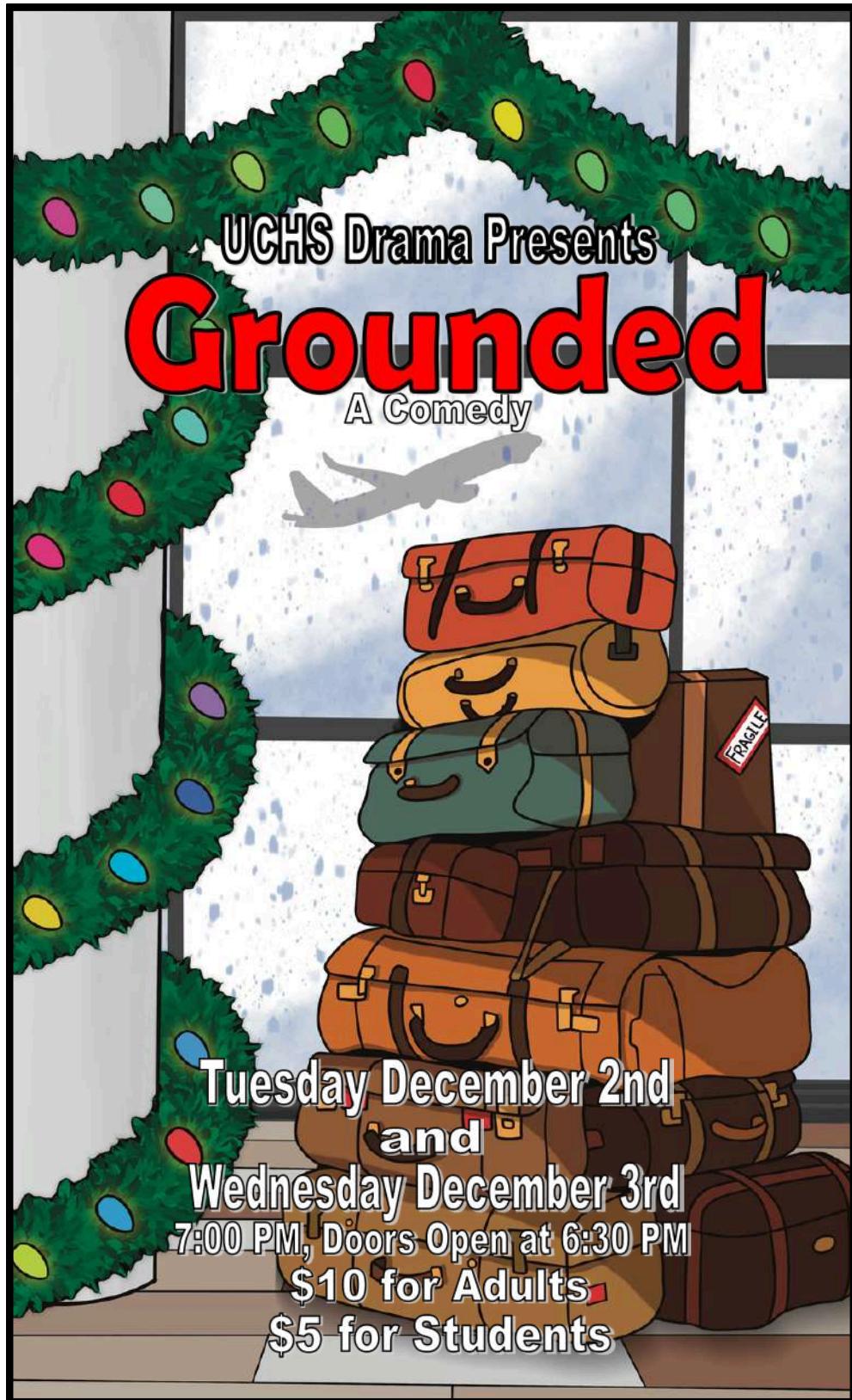
The senior boys Warrior basketball team has begun practices, under the guidance of veteran coaches Jeremy Wagner and Darren Stifter. The young squad must learn quickly, as they travel to Maidstone for their first games of the year the last weekend of November. Then the team hosts their own tournament December 5-6. Volunteer for scorekeeping and gate shifts and come cheer on the Warriors in their own gym. The team travels to Humboldt for the huge invitational tournament that will see the boys compete against the top 2A, 3A and 4A teams in the province. We are looking forward to a great season of growth and skill development. Go Warriors.

FOOD BANK DONATION

Our Student Council proudly delivered the food collected during October—along with a \$350 check—to the local food bank. The fresh fruit and vegetable donations, generously contributed by our community during our Fruit and Veggie Sale, were also delivered. Thank you to everyone who helped support the food bank and made this effort a success!



CHRISTMAS DRAMA PRODUCTION



STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

reliability:

-being someone others can depend on — doing what you say you will do, every time

Josh Delhommeau

Through his actions with the Warrior Football team or his contributions in the classroom, Josh Delhommeau consistently demonstrates the virtue of reliability. In the classroom, Josh's reliability shines through his steady work ethic and willingness to push himself to achieve his best. Josh always submits assignments on time and participates thoughtfully in discussions. His work is reliably top of the class on a day-in, day-out basis. On the football field, Josh has demonstrated reliability consistently for 4 years. Josh is always at practice, and the few times in 4 years he has been unable to make it, he communicates with the coaches to inform them. Josh is reliable in his effort at practice. He works hard to improve and takes every opportunity at practice. Josh's work ethic, passion, and reliability have made him a key component of the Warriors' success this season. Josh's success in the classroom and on the field make him an excellent example of a student-athlete here at UCHS. Way to go, Josh!

-submitted by Mr. Clark



Grade 9 Art Classes

This month, I'd like to highlight the Grade 9 Art classes!

This group consistently demonstrates reliability—a quality that truly stands out in our classroom. Whether they're staying on task, working independently (even outside of class time), or supporting one another, they show what it means to be dependable and responsible.

There are always days when we need to rely on others, and I'm so thankful that I can count on these groups—not only to follow through with their work, but also to bring positivity and brighten my day. Their teamwork, creativity, and steady effort make them a joy to teach and a wonderful example for others.

Keep up the amazing work, Grade 9 Warriors!

-submitted by Miss Kostyna



STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

Dawson Gilbert



Dawson is one of the most reliable people I know. Whether it's communication, classwork, or demeanor, you can count on Dawson. I've had the pleasure of teaching Dawson in English, where he consistently demonstrates our three beliefs of respect, responsibility, and choosing to learn. I've also enjoyed coaching Dawson in track and field, where he displays the same characteristics in addition to selflessness and teamwork.

This young man will look you in the eye, show respect for other people's time and position, and encourage others to do the same. With his overt display of manners and respect, he leads by example. And sometimes, it's the little things—like having an extra jacket to immediately offer someone who doesn't have one when his teacher chooses a random day to take a walk to the museum. It's kindly pointing out a correction to be made in group work or at track practice. It's visibly remembering and honouring his track coach, who should be with the team at Provincials but is recovering from a health matter, and encouraging the whole team to do the same.

Dawson is reliable. He is a real-life example that manners and discipline are the hallmarks of a great citizen.

-submitted by Mrs. Orobko



Adelia Vermeulen



Adelia has joined SADD this year. It is rare for a grade 7 to be so confident and so involved immediately upon becoming a UCHS warrior. Adelia not only joined SADD, she threw herself into the role as a member with gusto. Adelia has an energy and passion that draws others into the project. She is not only willing to volunteer when asked but goes above and beyond to look for things in which she can take a role. We are excited to have her join our SADD group and look forward to seeing her continue to become a confident, reliable, and dedicated citizen of UCHS.

-submitted by Ms. Partington



STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

Alexis Pitt

Alexis has truly been demonstrating what it means to choose to learn. During CAT testing, she noticed a strategy in math that she couldn't quite remember, and, instead of feeling discouraged, she took action; writing it down with a note to herself to ask for help later. The next day, she approached Mrs. Snell with curiosity and confidence, asking to learn more about it. This small moment showed great initiative and a growth mindset. Alexis is showing that learning isn't just about knowing the answers; it's about being brave enough to ask questions and take charge of her own learning.

-submitted by Mrs. Kendrick



Anallah Johnstone

In the math classroom, Anallah has been a reliable and constant source of positivity so far this school year. Anallah works extremely hard on all her coursework, evidenced by her continuous strong work ethic, class participation, and assessment successes. Not only can Anallah always be counted on to get a class conversation going or answer a tricky question, she is also always willing to lend a helping hand with classmates to help them through difficult problems, or even just compare answers and strategies. Outside of the classroom, Anallah has taken on roles in student council and SADD. In these clubs, she is a reliable group member and can always be counted on to lend a helping hand. Anallah, your hard work has not gone unnoticed this year, and I appreciate your positive presence in the classroom. Keep up the great work!

-submitted by Ms. L. Gartner



Haley Clarke

I would like to acknowledge Haley Clarke for her reliability. She has great attendance. She's one of the first people in class and always has the required materials. While in class, she is very engaged. Haley participates in discussions with her teachers and classmates. She asks questions if needed. Her assignments are done well and on time, even with her busy Speed Skating schedule. I know I can count on her to complete her tasks and contribute to the classroom in a positive manner.

-submitted by Mrs. Hoffinger



STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES



Tierra Night

I would like to recognize one of our new students, Tierra Night. Stepping into a new school can be intimidating. For the first couple of weeks, Tierra was pretty quiet and kept to herself most of the time. But as the days went on, she started opening up and getting more involved. She's been speaking up more in class, contributing to the culture of the classroom, and has even taken the initiative to complete more than her required amount of volunteer hours. It's been awesome to see her confidence grow and her personality shine through. Welcome, Tierra! We are happy to have you as part of our UCHS community.

-submitted by Mrs. R. Gartner



Logan Gerein ~ Alivia Close

Ayla Sperle ~ Tylan Blanchette

Emma Ralston ~ Meryn Greenwald

Logan, Alivia, Ayla, Tylan, Emma, and Meryn all stand out for being amazing examples of reliability. These grade 10 students are an important part of our junior high intramural program. They have kindly volunteered during their lunch hours to set up equipment, take attendance, and oversee intramural games for our grade 7-9 students. What really stands out is how dependable they are. If they ever can't be there, they always make sure that someone else can cover for them. They don't wait to be reminded or asked; they just take responsibility and get it done. That kind of reliability makes a huge difference for our intramurals and helps everything run smoothly behind the scenes. Because of their dedication and teamwork, our intramural program continues to be a big success!

-submitted by Ms. Svenkeson



STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

Joy Molano



This month I'd like to highlight the attribute of reliability and the person that immediately came to mind was Joy Molano. She is always on time for class, gets started working right away, and produces excellent work. I can always depend on her to finish her assignments quickly and do a great job. I don't have to worry about her behavior because she is very mature and responsible, never disrupting the class. She is a model student and I am delighted to have her in my class. Thanks Joy!

-submitted by Miss Krips



Grade 9 PAA

I would like to recognize the Grade 9 PAA Foods class for their constant reliability. This class has taken cooking and kitchen safety seriously. I know that when they step into my classroom and take to the kitchens, every student will put 100% effort into everything they do. I can rely on them to ask questions, follow proper protocols and leave the kitchens spotless every time. I can also rely on their work ethic during book and paper learning as each person works hard to get everything done and handed in on time. Keep up the good work Grade 9's 😊!

-submitted by Mrs. Hrynuik



Gio Dela Cruz

I'd like to recognize Gio Dela Cruz for his impressive growth in welding! He's been putting in the effort to sharpen his own skills while also helping his partner improve along the way. Great teamwork and progress all around!

-submitted by Mr. Wakelin



STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

Annie Pitura

This month I would like to recognize Annie Pitura for the virtue of reliability. Annie is a student who can be counted on to complete what she starts. She finishes homework and assignments on time, and any tasks for student council that she takes on are always completed. In science class I can count on Annie to stay on task whether supervised or not, and to clean up her lab station when done. Annie reliably uses her class time to ask questions, help her peers, and complete work. Thank you for all your hard work and for being a student who can be counted on – keep up the great work this year!

-submitted by Mrs. Clark



Reliability is one of the most valuable qualities a person can show, and Annie demonstrates it in everything she does. She can always be counted on to put forth her best effort, no matter the task or challenge. Annie also invested extra effort in submitting a piece for the Remembrance Day service. Whether she is completing classwork or contributing to her extracurricular commitments, she does so with consistency and dedication. Her reliability sets a strong example for her peers and makes her a trusted, valued member of our class, clubs, and school community. Keep up the great work Annie!

-submitted by Mr. Wood

Morgan Elliott



Minecraft Club runs every Tuesday and Wednesday. Although the players, and even the teacher supervisor, changes, the one constant is Mr. Morgan. Morgan Elliott was a passionate Minecraft player when he was younger (still is!) and he wished to bring Minecraft Club at UCHS back to life. With his creative and technical skills, he makes worlds for young new players to interact and have some fun. A few weeks ago, despite Morgan not feeling well, he refused to cancel Minecraft Club. He didn't want to disappoint the students who joined. He is reliable, even sacrificing his personal time and wellness for the greater good of others. Thank you for being a reliable Warrior at UCHS, Mr. Morgan!

-submitted by Mrs. Snell

STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

Jensen Fawell

Jensen Fawell has had a terrific start to his time at UCHS, and it couldn't be more evident in how reliable he is when it comes to school. Jensen shows up each day with a smile on his face, ready to take on any task asked of him. In PE class, Jensen can be counted on to always put his best effort in, challenging himself with new skills and for his relentless competitive spirit that drives competition, but still is a dependable teammate. His dedication, positive attitude, and top-notch work set a strong example for others to follow. Whether in the halls, the gym, or classroom spaces, thanks for your great attitude and willingness to help wherever needed Jensen!

-submitted by Mr. Gieni



Jensen Fawell has built a reputation for being dependable, focused, and kind. He comes to class every day prepared – homework done, pencil ready, and a mindset geared toward learning. Whether it's working through fractions or tackling word problems, he gives his best effort and isn't afraid to ask questions when something doesn't make sense. What makes this student stand out isn't just their own progress – it's how he supports others. If a classmate is stuck, he's quick to offer help, explain a step, or just encourage them to keep trying. He doesn't show off or take over; he listens, guides, and makes sure others feel included

-submitted by Mr. Carley



Sebastian Lauinger

Sebastian is an excellent example of our three beliefs at UCHS. He has been putting an incredible amount of effort into his classes this term, and it's clear that his dedication is paying off. He comes to class prepared and ready to learn every day, always making productive use of his work time. Sebastian has really found his stride as a student this year. He stays focused, doesn't get distracted by others, and approaches his learning with a positive attitude and sense of purpose. His impressive marks are a direct reflection of his hard work, excellent use of class time, and determination. Beyond his academics, Sebastian sets a great example for those around him by showing what it truly means to be a warrior: respectful, responsible, and committed to learning and doing his best. Keep up the great work, Seb – it is definitely paying off!

-submitted by Mrs. Wood



STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

Owen Neufeld

A few names come to mind when I think about which students that I trust and rely on to always do the right thing. One student who is consistently reliable is Owen Neufeld. He comes to class prepared, on time and ready to learn each day. Owen avoids distractions because he takes his job as a student seriously. He is committed to learning and puts in his best effort consistently. He follows the rules and respects all his peers and staff members. You will often find Owen waiting for a friend, helping someone carry something or putting chairs up at the end of the day after students forgot. You are a valuable member of our classroom and our school, Owen!

Thanks for being a positive example for your peers!

-submitted by Mrs. Poitras



Dominic Sieben

As with prior years, there has been a strong contingent of Sr. Boys volleyball players that have assisted with the Grade 7 Boys Volleyball team. Thank you to Dawson, Sebastian, River and Lynden for each putting time in at practices and games. It takes your technical knowledge and a high level of patience to work with such an energetic group. However, I want to recognize the reliability of Dominic Sieben for being at all games and holding the clipboard as head coach. You celebrated your first set victory as coach in Luseland and continued success several times afterward. Most of all, you kept a smile on your face throughout all games which indicates you are coaching for enjoyment. Your team appreciates your efforts and UCHS is grateful for your volunteerism this season.

-submitted by Mr. Parker



respect ~ responsibility ~ choose to learn

NOVEMBER THROUGH THE LENS

Remembrance Day Service ~ Fruit & Veggies Arrive ~ Jersey Switch
Staff Beep Test ~ Just Dance ~ Hair Bedazzling ~ Staff vs Gr. 7 Dodgeball



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DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Drama Performance	2 Drama Performance	3 Door Decorating	4 Flannel Day	6 Basketball: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jr. Boys & Girls @ Lloyd.• Sr. Boys Home Tourn.• Sr. Girls @ Martensville
	7  Name that Tune!	8  Christmas Socks &\or Sweater	9  Unity Food Bank Food Sculpture Contest	10  Sants, Reindeer or ELF Dress Up Day	11  Dress as your fave Christmas movie character	13 Basketball: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jr. Boys & Girls @ NBCHS• Sr. Boys @ Humbolt• Sr. Girls @ Rosetown Wrestling Tourn. @ S'toon
14  Life Sized Word Scramble	15  Tacky Tourist Dress Up Day	16  Human Christmas Tree	17  Christmas Kindness Lunch Shine Bright Like a Light Dress Up Day	18  Holiday Hair, Don't Care! Comfy Day	19 Early Dismissal	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 	29	30 	31 		Back to School Monday January 5th Day 2	